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**Rep. Brostoff Statement on Gov. Evers' 2022 State of the State Address**

MADISON – In response to Governor Tony Evers' 2022 State of the State Address, delivered earlier this evening in the Assembly Chambers of the State Capitol in Madison, State Representative Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“With his State of the State address this evening, Governor Evers made it very clear that Wisconsin is in good hands under his guidance. Thanks to Governor Evers' steady hand, Wisconsin has made huge strides in recovering economically from the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic - less than two years ago, countless Wisconsinites were out of work, small businesses were struggling, and altogether too many people in our state did not know how - or if - they'd be able to bounce back.

But thanks to the Governor's foresight and wise use of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, our state is experiencing as strong a recovery as anyone could have hoped for: Governor Evers has made hundreds of millions of dollars in investments in all corners of our state, helping businesses and families alike while also investing in our future in order to ensure that this recovery persists well into the years ahead. And our economy has responded incredibly well to the Governor's critical investments and excellent stewardship - unemployment rates have fallen to a historic low of 2.8% (even lower than they were before the pandemic), and our state is projected to end the fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$3.8 billion dollars, on top of a historic \$1.7 billion already in the state's 'rainy day fund.'

Despite yet another year of Republican obstruction and through difficult circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Evers has once again managed to deliver win after win for Wisconsinites across our entire state. I am grateful for his leadership, and I am happy to declare yet again that, under Governor Evers, the state of our state is strong.”

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